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COMMUNICATION

This communication is in response to the English translation submitted on 12 April 2002 in response to the decision dated 29 January 2002.

A review of the English translation verifies that it is a proper translation. The processing fee of \$130.00 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.492(f) was previously paid.

Applicants have completed the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371(c). The application has an international filing date of 15 June 2000 under 35 U.S.C. 363, and a 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date of 12 April 2002.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for continued processing.

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